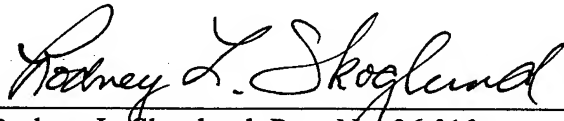


**REMARKS**

The amendments presented hereinabove have been made to set forth the application as it presently stands in prior Application No. 09/927,287. The amendments to the specification were previously entered in the earlier prior application and Applicant respectfully requests that they be entered now in the subject application.

Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call. Applicant earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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